

## HIGH LIVING IN WASHINGTON

The Charlotte (N. C.) Observer, commenting upon the fact that Secretary Day could not afford to remain in the Cabinet, says: "The salary of a cabinet officer is \$8,000 a year, and it does seem that a man should be able to knock along on that, but the social duties of a high official in Washington are very exacting and to discharge them costs a great deal of money. Foreign ambassadors and diplomats, as Mr. Day says, cost the Secretary of State courtesies which he feels bound to reciprocate—the American people would not think well of him if he did not. The governments of the foreigners furnish them with money to burn and they set a hot pace—it takes an American cabinet officer with money-independent of his salary to keep it. Washington is a high-pressure town, anyhow. The expenses of public life there are heavy, and the demands upon a public man are large. A Senator or Representative who is not absolutely stingy is in danger of getting away from there broke. The thought of a five-thousand-dollar salary in Washington is very alluring to the average mind, but if a public man here gives as becomes his station—and his people do not want him to live otherwise—and meets any considerable portion of the demands upon him, he will find the residue at the end of the year rather insignificant. The amount of it all is that Washington city is not a good place for a man to make money and at the same time keep perfectly honest."

As the client handed his legal adviser a thousand-dollar check, he remarked, "I never knew before what a costly experiment it was to try to keep my own counsel."

"My wife complains because the war progresses so slowly." "What did you say?" "I told her if the army had been made up of women they wouldn't have their bonnets on yet."

Judge—You robbed your benefactor in a most shameful way. Do you feel no compunctions of conscience? Prisoner—Before answering, sir, I would like to consult my counsel.

"Shall I order dinner for you?" asked the official of the jury, while the twelfth man was holding out against the eleven. "Yes," replied one of the eleven, "make it eleven diners and a bale of hay."

"Doctor," said the sick man's wife, "do you think there is any hope for him?" "Well," replied the disgusted physician, as he put on his gloves, "I heard him tell the nurse that he'd be dashed if he would take any more medicine."

"What would the great nations of the earth do," asked a liquor paper, "were it not for the revenue they derive from the liquor traffic?" "Give me a sober nation," said Gladstone, "and I will take care of the revenue." And surely America will not say "can't" when England says "can."

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An illustration of the ridiculous and annoying way in which a church choir will sometimes run together the words of a hymn if afforded by the remark of a small boy in one of the front pews of a large and fashionable church. The hymn beginning "The consecrated cross I'd bear" had just been sung, and in the momentary quiet which followed the small boy turned to his father and asked, in an earnest whisper: "I say, pa, where do they keep the consecrated cross-eyed bear?"

"Mortal," said the guide, in a sepulchral voice, to the blindfolded candidate whom he was conducting in a slow and solemn march around the darkened hall, "you are now approaching an ordeal that will test your fortitude to the utmost!" "Go ahead," answered Mr. Meeker, emphatically. "I think I can stand it. It isn't anything to what I'll catch when I go home."

At a recent visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the dairy department of a London exhibition the Princess remarked to the manager of the Department, "I have always heard that the best butter in England comes from Denmark. Is that true?" The manager hesitated a moment, and then said "No, your Royal Highness. Denmark sends us the best princess, but Devonshire the best butter!"



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"A lawyer and an honest man." The delegate scratched his head and looked at the monument again. He read the inscription over and over. Then he walked around the monument and examined the grave closely. Another man in the cemetery approached and asked him:

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"No," said the delegate, "but I was wondering how they came to bury those two fellows in one grave?"—Tidy Bits.

"Did you ever," asked the young husband, "have your wife look you in the eye when you came home and ask you if you had not forgotten something?" "Many a time me boy," answered the old married man. "She does yet. In the early days it used to mean a kiss; now it is usually a reference to wiping my shoes."

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A well-known writer recently visited his old home in Georgia. "Don't you know that man on the postoffice steps?" a citizen asked an old inhabitant, indicating the author. "The fellow with the beaver hat on?" "Yes," "I can't say as I does," said the man, after he had looked well at the author. "Well, that's So-and-So—who used to live around here; he's a great man now."

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